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1. By early May 1953, a Demobilization Committee, which was organized and directed by the Civil Affairs Department of the Chekiang Government, had been established in Chekiang. The committee was responsible for supervising the return home and job-placement of demobilized military personnel.¹
2. Upon returning to China, some Korean war veterans were reassigned to their original or pre-Korean war units to train inexperienced troops. However, most veterans returning to China received vocational training and then were assigned positions in business and industry where they could encourage production, organize and train militia, and organize political units in rural areas.
3. From January to April a large number of demobilized Korean veterans, who were distinguished by Anti-America, Aid Korea commemorative medals, were working in the Nanking-Hankow area in nationally operated stores, cooperative associations, and government agencies.
4. By 11 March approximately 6,266 sick and wounded patients either had received or were undergoing treatment at Chenchiang (N 32-12, E 119-28) and approximately

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2,294 patients had received or were receiving treatment at Yangchou (N 32-24, E 119-27). Local inhabitants estimated that 4,000 men were currently being treated at Chenchiang and 1,000 at Yangchou. Most of the patients spoke South Kiangsu dialects.

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. The 20, 26, and 27 Armies have returned to East China from Korea during the past year. [REDACTED] stated that the 20 [REDACTED] Army, at least, had been reorganized and re-equipped, and had undergone some personnel replacement. The present report indicates that the scale of demobilization may have been fairly extensive.

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